

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROCESSING DATABASE QUERIES**ABSTRACT**

The present invention provides a system and method for processing a database query
5 between one or more clients and one or more databases. The database query, which is
formatted using a first protocol, is received from one of the clients. One of the databases is
selected to process the database query and the database query is translated from the first
protocol to a second protocol. The translated database query is then sent to the selected
database for processing. A response to the database query, which is formatted using the
10 second protocol, is received from the selected database and the response is translated from
the second protocol to the first protocol. The present invention determines which of the
clients sent the database query and sends the translated response to the client that sent the
database query. This method can be implemented as a computer program embodied on a
computer readable medium.